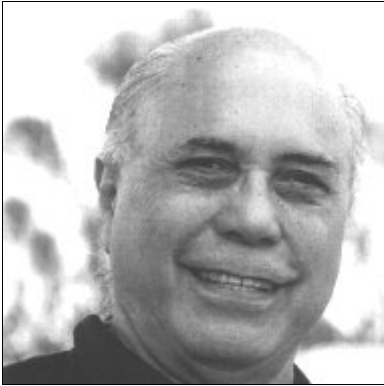


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I am a candidate for OHA Trustee - Hawaii island in this time of great peril. It is also an opportunity for our people; we either stand together or fall because of our divisions. The paradox is that we are a diverse people. There is great strength in diversity if it is channeled properly. We each have something to contribute, both small and large. What is critical to OHA's effectiveness is gaining the trust of the Hawaiian community. Dialogue can create the emergence of trust between OHA and its beneficiaries. Dialogue allows collaboration to occur. Collaboration bears fruit.

The fate of the Hawaiian people now hangs in the balance, tested by lawsuits and legislation that seek to steal everything away. In 1978, the Hawaii Constitution Convention created OHA with the intent of servicing our people as a whole. The problems that face many of our communities - the right to self-determination, the right to economic self-sufficiency, the right to protect our land and natural resources, the right to provide programs and services - all of this, and more, requires OHA Trustees to have the highest level of integrity, trust, and leadership.

My journey of experiences includes, among many others, my Hawaiian heritage, the personal values I have adopted along the way, and the lessons learned that have shaped my wisdom capacity - all of these assets, I believe, can assist in the development of a healthier and better tomorrow for our current and future generation.

